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SUBJECT: US CLAIMS AGAINST EGYPT

REF: CAIRO 6676

1. I MET WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MOHAMMAD RIAD TODAY TO DISCUSS MY EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH FAHMY (REFTEL) THAT AMERICAN MISSION AND OFFICIAL USG CLAIMS SHOULD BE HANDLED THROUGH MFA AND THAT RIAD HAD BEEN NAMED TO ME AS THE PERSON WHO WOULD BE IN CHARGE. RIAD INDICATED FAHMY HAD SO INFORMED HIM, BUT DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE A CLEAR PICTURE OF JUST WHAT WAS INVOLVED. I THEN OUTLINED FOR HIM THE CURRENT WORK OF THE JOINT US-EGYPTIAN CLAIMS COMMITTEE AND DEWIDAR'S VIEW THAT AMERICAN MISSION CLAIMS (AT LEAST THOSE NOT INVOLVING AGREFORM TAKEOVERS) AND OFFICIAL USG CLAIMS ARE NOT PROPERLY IN THE PURVIEW OF THAT COMMITTEE. WE HAD AGREED THAT THE SUBJECT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH FAHMY AND I HAD SUBSEQUENTLY DONE SO. FAHMY'S RESPONSE WAS WHAT I HAD ALREADY TOLD HIM.

2. RIAD SAID HE IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH US ON THESE CLAIMS. SINCE HE LEAVES TOMORROW FOR ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IN JIDDA AND THEREAFTER FOR NON-ALIGNED
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SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN KAMPALA, HE SUGGESTED WE

ARRANGE TO MEET EARLY IN AUGUST TO DISCUSS THE
SUBJECT IN DETAIL. I SAID I WOULD BE READY TO
DO SO, AT LEAST WITH RESPECT TO AMERICAN MISSION
CLAIMS AND SOME OF USG OFFICIAL CLAIMS. (NOTE: MEANWHILE
WILL CONTINUE DISCUSS AGREFORM ELEMENTS IN JOINT COMMITTEE.)

3. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, RIAD INDICATED HE WILL
BE ASSISTED BY MFA LEGAL DEPT. OTHER BRANCHES
OF GOE WILL ALSO BE BROUGHT IN AS NEEDED.
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